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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 April 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-45 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Art Rejections:

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in-

(1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effect under this subsection of a national application published under section 122(b) only if the international application designating the United States was published under Article 21(2)(a) of such treaty in the English language; or

(2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that a patent shall not be deemed filed in the United States for the purposes of this subsection based on the filing of an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a).

2. Claims 1-15, 17 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Dureau et al, U.S. Pat. Appl. Pub. No. 2002/0056112.

Per claims 1-3 and 11-13, Dureau disclose a system and method for distributing multimedia content, comprising the steps of:

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a) defining a multimedia source for supplying streaming multimedia data including service provider coupled to a server via a network (see page 2, par. 25);

b) defining a destination for receiving said streaming multimedia data (see page 3, par 26);

c) providing a wireless controller communicatively coupled to each of said multimedia source and said destination, said wireless controller being adapted to perform the steps of:

i) communicating with said multimedia source via a wireless interface to generate a first display of a plurality of multimedia works available from said multimedia source (page 3, par 26);

ii) facilitating a selection of at least one multimedia work from said first display of said plurality of multimedia works (page 7, par 61); and

iii) upon said selection being made by a user, commanding said multimedia source to send said at least one multimedia work as said streaming multimedia data to said destination (page 7, par 57, 60).

Per claims 4, 9, 14-15 and 19, Dureau teaches providing wireless interface/controller and a memory within the set-top box for processing source data received from the server (see page 5, par 42).

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Per claims 5-8, Dureau teaches preparing a destination device via a wireless interface for receiving streaming data (see page 7, par 57, 60).

Per claims 10 and 17, Dureau also teaches using the wireless controller as a destination device (see page 4, par 33).

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

5. Claims 16, 18 and 20-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dureau and further in view of Sparrell et al, U.S. Pat. Appl. Pub. No. 2004/0268407.

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Dureau's teachings are still applied as set forth above. Dureau does not teach using a central multimedia server for scheduling and receiving multimedia data from the information sources. The use of a central multimedia server for distributing information to other multimedia devices via local wired or wireless connections is well known in the art as disclosed by Sparrell (see Sparrell's page 4, par. 59-66 and page 7, par. 91).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Dureau with Sparrell's teachings because it would have enabled utilizing network resources more easily and efficiently (see Sparrell's page 2, par. 25-26).

Conclusion:

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Viet Vu whose telephone number is 571-272-3977. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee, can be reached on 571-272-3964.

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